

REMARKS

Claims 38-84 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Specification has been amended, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78, to insert a Cross-Reference to Related Applications section based upon a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §120. It is submitted that the amendment to the Specification made herein introduces no new matter. The amendment to the Specification constitutes an addition of a new section heading and paragraph. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii), no separate page captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" is necessary. Entry of the amendment to the Specification made herein is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

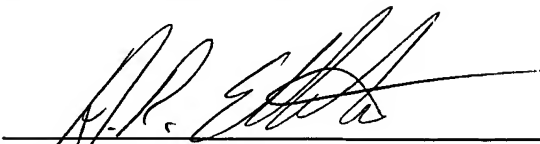
Original claims 1-37 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 38-84.

New claims 38-43, 45-49, 51-59, 61-68 and 77-84 correspond to claims 38-73 which were pending in parent application, Serial No. 08/760,055, filed on December 4, 1996. New dependent claims 44, 50 and 60 have been added to claim a preferred embodiment of the invention wherein the acid component comprises a mixture of two or more linear C₅₋₁₀ carboxylic acids. Support for claims 44, 50 and 60 can be found in the Specification, for example, at page 4, lines 23-25. New dependent claims 69-76 have been added to claim various preferred embodiments of the method set forth in independent claim 68. No new matter has been introduced. All of the amendments to the Claims constitute cancellation of original claims and the addition of new claims. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii), no separate page captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" is necessary. Entry is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

Prompt examination of the instant application in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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